GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Decrease in the number of Students
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of students pursuing higher studies in philosophy like M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. courses has been decreasing constantly during the last few years;
(b) if so, the reasons therefor;
(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
(d) whether the Department of Philosophy are being closed in the colleges/ universities every year and if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that the number of students pursuing higher studies in Philosophy at the levels of M.A., M.Phil and Ph.D has increased from 6713 in 2010-11 to 12481 in 2013-14.

(d): No, madam. The UGC has informed that as per data available with it for the last three years Departments of Philosophy are being maintained in 87 universities across the country.
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